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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Arthur D. Challacombe, Chair

and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM:

Kathy K. Sokugawa, Acting Director

Department of Planning and Permitting

SUBJECT:

Special Use Permit (SUP) Application File No. 2020/SUP-6 by

AES West Oahu Solar, LLC for a 12.5-Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic and

50-Megawatt-Hour Battery Storage Facility

Honouliuli, Ewa District, Oahu

Tax Map Key 9-2-002: Portion of Parcel 007

Attached for your appropriate action is our report and recommendation for conditional approval of a 96.353-acre SUP application for the establishment of a new solar energy generation and battery storage facility. The Department of Planning and Permitting recommends conditions of approval relating to the provision of lands under the solar panels for compatible agriculture, consideration of alternative designs to address native Hawaiian values and visual impacts, submittal of a letter of credit for de-commissioning, measures to mitigate potential wildlife impacts, and standard conditions.

The entire SUP application, including the Final Environmental Assessment, can be downloaded from: https://bit.lv/32ed4Jp.

As the proposed Project exceeds the 15-acre threshold, a favorable decision by the Planning Commission will require State Land Use Commission review.

Should you have any questions, please contact Raymond Young, of our staff, at 20 ng@honolulu.gov. rcsyoung@honolulu.gov.

**Enclosures** 

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